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SUBJ: DOG ISLAND PROPOSAL

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1. AS REPORTED IN REF A, EMBASSY'S CONVERSATION WITH ST KITTS, GOVT OFFICIALS AND PRESS INTERVIEW WITH RONALD WEBSTER INDICATE ST KITTS-ANGUILLA DISPUTE IS NO NEARER TO RESOLUTION THAN IN 1967 WHEN IT STARTED. NEWS FROM OR ON ANGUILLA CONTINUES TO ATTRACT LIVELY INTEREST IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN. FOR THESE REASONS, EMBASSY STILL BELIEVES ANY AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN USG-HMG ON THE USE OF DOG ISLAND AS A WEAPONS RANGE WOULD BE VIEWED BY CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE INDEPENDENT ONES, AS INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATED STATES OF ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA.

2. EMBASSY IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT USG WILL BE BLAMED FOR PROLONGING ST KITTS-ANGUILLA DISPUTE SHOULD DOG ISLAND PROPOSAL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE ON GROUNDS THAT FINANCIAL INDUCEMENTS OFFERED FOR USE OF DOG ISLAND CONTRIBUTED TO WEBSTER'S INTRANSIGENCE. UNTIL CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS OF ANGUILLA IS DEFINITELY RESOLVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH THE GOSK AND ANGUILLANS, EMBASSY BELIEVES DOG ISLAND PROPOSAL WILL ONLY

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